Positions of Directors of CSIR

1442. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many positions of directors of CSIR are lying vacant for quite some time;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the date on which the positions became vacant and qualifications fixed for the post of directors and the steps taken to appoint directors, Institute-wise and category-wise as on date; and

(c) the details of delay, if any, in appointing directors and the reasons for same?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Nine positions of Directors of CSIR constituent laboratories are vacant. As an interim measure the charge of such a position has been given to the senior most scientist of the laboratory or to the Director of a sister laboratory.

(b) and (c) The following positions of Directors are vacant:

Name of the Laboratory	Date on which the positions vacant
Industrial Toxicology Research Centre (ITRC) Lucknow	1.7.2005
National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS), New Delhi	12.8.2005
Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Chennai	25.5.2006
National Institute of Science Communication & Information Resources (NISCAIR), New Delhi	1.12.2006
Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad	2.4.2007
Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), New Delhi	1.7.2007
Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee	2.7.2007
Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow	1.9.2007
Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), Delhi	12.11.2007

For the position of Director, CSIR looks for an acclaimed scientist, possessing a Ph.D. degree and relevant research experience in the R&D areas of the laboratory.

The Government has advised CSIR to revise the recruitment rules of Directors. The same are under consideration of the competent authority. The process of recruitment for the vacant positions of Directors will be initiated once these rules are approved for implementation.

Planning for setting up of specialized research centre

1443. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to set up a specialized research centre at the national